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Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association  
Serving the Saskatchewan Cattle Industry Since 1913

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**Resolution #1**

**WHEREAS** CFIA has proposed enhanced traceability regulations this may increase the workload for primary producers, auction markets, and feedlots; and

**WHEREAS** any costs incurred by auction markets or feedlots can be passed back down to the primary producer; and

**WHEREAS** the current level of traceability functions.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSGA lobby the CFIA and CCIA to put a hard stop to any increase in traceability requirements.

*Carried*

**Resolution #2**

**WHEREAS** current values for livestock culled in a disease outbreak are consistently lower than market prices; and

**WHEREAS** a producer will suffer significant financial losses where payments are delayed, and whereas a producer currently receives no compensation for cleanup and loss of income; and

**WHEREAS** CFIA staff often show a lack of compassion when dealing with livestock producers.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that a producer affected by a disease cull order be allowed to engage a private valuer (eg auction mart or purebred marketer) to determine values and further that there be no maximum amount for purebred breeding stock. Also, that no livestock should leave the farm until compensation is agreed with the CFIA.

*Carried*

**Resolution #3**

**WHEREAS** Alberta and Saskatchewan have created LIS and LSS to manage brand inspection services; and

**WHEREAS** these two organizations have created databases, based on animal livestock ownership and movement; and

**WHEREAS** the CFIA has had access to these data bases and used the information collected to aid and expedite recent disease trace out exercises; and

**WHEREAS** creating redundancies is essentially punishing Alberta and Saskatchewan for their good work they have done.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the federal government and CFIA recognizes the strides that Alberta and Saskatchewan have made in improving our national traceability and use the tools that are already in place. *Carried*

#### **Resolution #4**

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Food Inspection Agency is proposing individual animal movement reporting; and  
**WHEREAS** western Canada currently has a lot load movement system through permits and manifests.  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the CFIA & AAFC to explore options to use the existing animal inspection system for animal traceability.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #5**

**WHEREAS** the CFIA is currently governed by the Minister of Health; and  
**WHEREAS** the significant portion of their mandate is agriculture related; and  
**WHEREAS** it is much easier for agriculture groups to meet with the Minister of Agriculture.  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the entire CFIA be moved back under the agriculture minister portfolio.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #6**

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has outsourced data management to non-Canadian entities for example EIA exports and surveillance testing to Global Vet Link; and  
**WHEREAS** this is private medical information managed by a foreign corporation.  
**BE IT RESOLVED** the CFIA only uses Canadian entities to manage Canadian medical information.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #7**

**WHEREAS** the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) is currently a branch of Health Canada; and  
**WHEREAS** PMRA doesn't consider economic impact in their regulatory approach; and  
**WHEREAS** PMRA does not prioritize agriculture issues when making decisions.  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that PMRA be moved under the authority of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #8**

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has proposed amendments to Part XV of the Health of Animals Regulations (Identification and Traceability) to expand species coverage, movement reporting, premises identification, and digitized record keeping; and  
**WHEREAS** cattle are currently required to maintain RFID tags at points of sale, and proposed amendments expand requirements to include tracking of lost tags and mandatory updating of replacement tags within the Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS); and  
**WHEREAS** breeding stock and bulls frequently require replacement tags throughout their lifecycle, making the proposed requirements potentially inefficient and cost prohibitive.  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that an independent, comprehensive five-year study be conducted to evaluate RFID tag retention rates, frequency of replacement, administrative burden, operational efficiency, and total producer cost; and  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the results of this study be submitted to CFIA and made publicly available to producers prior to full implementation of the proposed amendments.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #10**

**WHEREAS** Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) recently announced the closure of three AAFC research and development centres and four satellite research farms; and  
**WHEREAS** investment in research is critical to maintaining competitive advantages as an exporting nation.  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to reverse their decision to close the three AAFC research and development centres and four satellite research farms.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #11**

**WHEREAS** growing populations of elk, deer, coyotes, and other wildlife are causing major feed losses, grazing disruption, and pasture decline, and landowners who provide essential habitat lack effective tools to manage overpopulation;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association urge the Ministry of Environment to expand practical tools for managing excess wildlife, including permits that give landowners ability to regulate and outfit hunter access and address local overpopulation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that SSGA advocate for policy and programs that recognize landowner habitat stewardship and support integrated strategies that protect rangelands, wildlife health, and producer livelihoods.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #12**

**WHEREAS** many Saskatchewan acres are unsuitable for annual cropping but well-suited to perennial or short-term forage; and

**WHEREAS** forage production can improve soil function, reduce weed pressure, and create economic opportunities for both livestock and grain producers while supporting provincial goals for soil conservation and sustainability;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association promote collaboration among livestock and grain producers and urge the Government of Saskatchewan to maintain and develop policies, incentives, and extension programs that encourage converting marginal cropland to forage or forage-based management that improves soil health, limits herbicide-resistant weeds, and strengthens long-term agricultural sustainability.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #14**

**WHEREAS** Richardson ground squirrels and coyotes have abundant populations in many areas of Saskatchewan; and

**WHEREAS** there is a revenue opportunity for the province by offering licensed outfitting for Richardson ground squirrels and coyotes.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Government of Saskatchewan license outfitting in southern Saskatchewan for Richardson ground squirrels and coyotes.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #15**

**WHEREAS** the Saskatchewan cattle industry has voiced opposition to the increased traceability standards; and

**WHEREAS** industry has identified the need for CFIA reform.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby for an industry working group with government to be created to ensure a path forward that halts increased traceability standards and ensures reform takes place.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #16**

**WHEREAS** the Saskatchewan Cattle Association has been discussing the discontinuation of their fall district meetings due to poor attendance.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby the SCA to continue to engage cattle producers by holding annual district meetings and consider holding the meetings at a better time of year for cattle producers.

*Carried*

#### **Resolution #17**

**WHEREAS** the transition to e-manifests is slow to take shape and be implemented; and

**WHEREAS** manifests are an important part of our internal provincial traceability without CFIA involvement.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSGA lobby SCA, LSS and the Government of Saskatchewan to expedite this process without extra cost to producers as this benefits the whole industry.

*Carried*